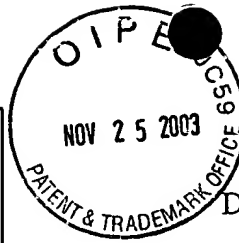


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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated August 27, 2003 (Paper No. 12), for which a response was due on November 27, 2003. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 16 of this paper and include both two attached replacement sheets and two annotated sheets showing changes, all attached in Appendix A.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 17 of this paper.

An **Appendix A** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 22 of this paper.